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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Arthur Yates underwent a minor operation Saturday morning in the office of a local physician.

Gilbert Peters returned home Friday evening from a trip to St. Louis, Kansas City and other points.

For Rent—2 bedrooms for sleeping. \$1.25 per week each. Monroe, 320 east Fifth.

Chester Cunningham was operated upon Saturday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital and had his tonsils removed.

One of those "KOMEKEL KUSS'S" will make more fun than anything. 25 cents at Newton's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hogg and little daughter, of Paxton, will come here tomorrow to spend several days with relatives and friends.

Rolla E. Biggs left yesterday morning for Concordia, Kans., where he will visit through the holidays with his parents.

Ladies' writing desks, always an appropriate Christmas gift. We have a nice line to select from. North Platte Hardware & Furniture Co.

Miss Lillian McCracken, of Boulder, Col., is the guest of her sister Mrs. H. M. Grimes, having arrived the latter part of last week.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts and sister, Miss Margaret Reilly, left Saturday for Cheyenne where they will spend the holidays with their parents.

For Rent—5 room house in good condition, close in, 303 west Seventh. J. H. Fonda.

Miss Marie McCabe, a student at the Notre Dam, Ind., university, arrived home Friday evening to spend a two weeks' vacation with her parents.

Mrs. C. J. McNamara and son Charles left Saturday evening for Omaha to visit through the holidays with Mrs. McNamara's parents. Mr. McNamara will leave for Omaha tomorrow to visit for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Crook and family and Miss Inez Westfall left Saturday evening for Carroll, Ia., where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Crook's parents.

A large crowd attended the sacred Christmas concert which was given Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Van A. Vint. A nice program was presented and it was much enjoyed by those who heard it. The Sunday school will present their program Thursday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Redfield left yesterday morning for Grand Island where they will make their future home. Mrs. Redfield will stop there to select a home for them and the doctor will go on to Omaha where he will purchase his equipment. He will be back here before settling permanently in Grand Island.

Funniest novelty on earth. "KOMEKEL KUSS." Endless fun for 25 cents at C. M. Newton's.

Cards received last week announced the marriage of Miss Augusta Wadsworth to Lester C. Camper at Sioux Falls, S. D. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wadsworth, at one time residents of North Platte. Mrs. Wadsworth was formerly Miss Hattie Hyatt, and Mr. Wadsworth was employed as a locomotive fireman.

Perhaps an electric reading lamp or electric dome will supply that gift which you have not already selected. Come in and look them over. North Platte Hardware & Furniture Co.

The Holy Eucharist services will be held at the Church of Our Savior, Episcopal, Thursday night beginning at 11:15 and continuing for an hour. All members of the church are urged to be present and to public is cordially invited. The choir has some beautiful special music for the occasion. Holy Communion will be observed Friday morning for the benefit of the members who are unable to be out Thursday night.

CLAYTON MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Describes how Connet was Killed by Blows of Fist by Roy Roberts.

Step-Daughter of Clayton Tells Story of Murder first and this Forces Clayton to Make a Confession.

That Vernon Connet was murdered on the afternoon of Sunday, August 2d last, was established beyond a doubt Friday evening of last week by the testimony given in the office of County Attorney Gibbs by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clayton. Clayton swore to a ten-page affidavit and his testimony was corroborated by his wife. The examination was held by Attorneys Gibbs and Hoagland before W. H. Mungler, Jr., notary.

Clayton told a clean, straight story of the murder. He stated that Roberts and Vernon Connet became engaged in a fight near the barn at the Sund dairy farm and that during the fight Roberts struck Connet on the neck, breaking his neck. Clayton saw the fight start and ran out to stop it but was struck and knocked down by Roberts just as he stepped in between the two men. He testified that just as he was getting up from the ground Roberts struck the fatal blow that ended Connet's life.

The fight started, he testified, over a quarrel in which Roberts was attempting to get Connet to give him a bill of sale for the team. Roberts wanted the team and was attempting to force Connet to sign them over to him. Connet refused and the fight ensued.

Clayton testified that he helped Roberts carry the body over into some weeds, being compelled to do so by Roberts who threatened to shoot by Roberts' threat to shoot both him and Mrs. Clayton and to kill the little girl, Nellie Roberts, Mrs. Roberts' daughter. He also swore them to secrecy about the crime with the threat that he would implicate Clayton.

After that he testified that Roberts drove off in the wagon, having loaded the body into the box with the intention of cutting the body up and burning it. The team was sold at Hershey as has been testified to before.

After that no more was seen of Roberts until he returned to the Sund place, stating that he had been to Lincoln to see the warden. Clayton questioned him about the disposition of the body and was informed that the body had been destroyed beyond recognition. He had cut it up and burned it and had thrown all the remaining pieces in the Platte river. The jaw bone is all that was recovered.

The facts of the case were brought out by the little girl, Nellie Roberts, sister to the accused man and step-daughter to Clayton, telling one of her playmates at school some facts about the case. The matter was at once reported by the little girl and was brought to the attention of the authorities. Mrs. Salisbury and Mrs. Simpson then got hold of Nellie Roberts and by questioning her a little each day got the story.

With this to work on H. G. Connet, brother of the murdered man, began to work on Clayton. He and Clayton and Sheriff Salisbury went out Friday afternoon to search for the body. Clayton said that he thought it was buried under the bridge over the irrigation ditch near Birdwood station.

Before leaving this city Mr. Connet told C. C. Hupfer of the Vienna cafe where he was going and they made plans to get, if possible, a confession out of Clayton. No one else knew of the plans. When they got out to the place of search the sheriff went on to Hershey to serve some papers. In the meantime Mr. Hupfer and "Butch" Trout followed the car to the place of search. As they drove up they questioned the two men as to what they were doing. When informed that they were searching for the body they laughed at them for searching and stated that Clayton or Roberts could either of them find the body if they wished to do so.

Mr. Connet then told them that the man with him was Clayton. After the Clayton and Connet engaged in a quarrel and Clayton came back to town with Hupfer and Trout. On the way in, with the facts they had already had from the little girl's testimony, they got a confession out of

Clayton which corroborated the story told by the little girl and they advised him to appear that night before the county attorney and to tell the truth which he did.

The ruse was a clever one and worked out well. Roberts let out too much in Lincoln to save his own skin and in trying to implicate Clayton scared Clayton into telling the whole story. The little girl's testimony helped materially in getting a confession from Clayton. Roberts will now be brought here for trial.

From the testimony it seems that Vernon Connet was camping near the Sund place in his wagon. After he had brought his wife to this city he returned there and he and Roberts were going north to seek a place to work.

Roberts very much wanted the team which was a good one. He attempted to get a bill of sale from Connet and stated that he would pay him two hundred dollars for them. Connet would not let the team go at that price and refused to give the bill of sale which caused the quarrel and ended in the cold blooded murder of Connet and the horrible destruction of the body.

Roberts had made the boast that he would have either the team or two hundred dollars. After the murder he promised Clayton he would be taken care of if he did not "aqueal". He said that he was going out on a homestead and that he would let Mr. and Mrs. Clayton and the little girl come out and live with him if they would keep still. Clayton denies having received any money from Roberts or that there had been a pre-arranged plan to do away with Connet.

The facts are now put in an entirely new light with the testimony of Clayton and the little girl, and with what evidence that has already been taken the case against Roberts is clear.

Make this Christmas a furniture Christmas; a varied assortment of useful articles for the home that would make appropriate Christmas gifts is displayed on our floors. North Platte Hardware & Furniture Co.

Miss Gertrude Baker, teacher in the Gothenburg schools, is home to spend the Christmas vacation.

Reeses's Pantatorium
For thirty days will dry clean Ladies Suits and one-piece Dresses for \$1.00, commencing Dec. 10th. Phone 450 we will call. 214 E. 6th.

ICE HARVEST STARTS

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SEVEN CARLOADS SHIPPED INTO HERE FROM LARAMIE, WYO.

Will Start Tomorrow on the Union Pacific Lake 100 Men Now at Work.

The storing of ice began Sunday afternoon in the local houses, seven carloads arriving from Laramie, Wyo., and put in the houses. About a hundred men are now at work and before the season is over they expect to have about two hundred fifty men employed. They will start cutting tomorrow on the Union Pacific lake east of town.

The ice is put up here by the Pacific Fruit Express company and in all they will have about forty-five thousand tons. Over one-half of that amount will be shipped in from Laramie and about twenty thousand tons will be harvested from the Union Pacific lake. The cars average about twenty-seven tons each, which will mean about 1700 carloads to be harvested. The ice shipped in Sunday from Laramie is about fourteen inches in thickness and is of extra good quality. On the lake here the ice is about thirteen and one-half inches in thickness and if the cold weather continues it will be even thicker. It is also of good quality.

Most of the men here came in from Omaha. However, any local men who want work can get it. Wages are paid to the men taking advantage of the commissary department of twenty-two and one-half cents per hour and the others get twenty cents. M. H. McDermott has charge of the houses and applications can be made to him. He announced yesterday that many men would be needed as soon as they get started on the lake here.

The commissary accommodations are far better than ever before. Last year and in preceding years they lived in tents, but this year the company has built a large bunk house and a large dining room and board and room is furnished the men at a reasonable charge. They have bunk accommodations for over two hundred men and the dining room will seat nearly that many at a time.

The dining room is under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bailey and they have had experience in this kind of work. They ship in all their meat from Omaha. Mr. Bailey announces that they use about two beaves per week besides

the pork and other meat. For breakfast they are now using nearly fifty pounds of sausage and they are fed in less than a hundred men. They employ two cooks besides themselves. They use about six bushels of potatoes daily. For Christmas they will give a turkey dinner and they have placed their order for three hundred pounds of turkey with the local butchers.

The improvements made this year in the commissary accommodations are much appreciated and next year they expect to be much better than this. The dining room and the bunk house will both be floored with concrete next year which will make them much warmer and much more convenient.

Diamond Rings \$5.00 to \$300.
Diamond Lavalliers, \$5.50 to \$75.
Diamond Stickpins, \$450 to \$25.
Bracelet Watches, \$1.50 to \$35.
Silver plated Toilet Sets, \$3.50 to \$10.

CLINTON, THE JEWELER.

Passenger Train Runs Down Freight.

Passenger train No. 8 Sunday morning struck the tail end of freight train No. 256 at Bushnell and crashed through the caboose and four box cars. The engine on the passenger train was thrown into the ditch. Luckily everyone escaped without serious injury.

The accident happened in the early morning in a snow storm. The flagman of the freight train was back to stop the passenger but the engineer could not see him as the air was filled with snow which was blinding. The crew on the freight train heard the passenger coming and when they did not answer the signal to stop they left the caboose just in time to escape being struck. The traffic was tied up for several hours and the five cars and the engine were badly smashed, but outside of that no great damage was done.

Xmas Suggestions.

A box of cigars from 50c and up.
Briar pipes in cases, \$1.50 up.
Meerschaum pipes in cases \$2.00 up.
Phone orders will receive the same prompt attention as if you call in person. We will deliver Christmas day.
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94-3 Phone Black 172.

Miss Helen Jeter who is a student in the university of California at Berkeley is expected home today to spend the holiday vacation with her parents.

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